- Social Mobilization activities are being intensified by involving the local influencers, community and religious leaders to improve community participation and acceptance of polio vaccine.

Achievement of the development of Health Research

3470. SHRIMATI VIPLOVE THAKUR: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be please to state:

(a) what are the details of the research that has been undertaken/is being undertaken by the Department of Health Research;

(b) what have been the achievements of the department so far in the field of health research; and

(c) what measures Government proposes to take to further promote research in diagnostic and therapeutic techniques and also to take the benefits of such research to the common masses?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) and (b) The Department of Health Research was created within the Ministry of Health & Family Welfare only in September, 2007 and formally launched on 5.10.2007. As such no funds were available for the new Department during 2007-08 for undertaking research activities. The department is in formative stage. A blue print for creating structure of the department has been prepared to facilitate operationalization of new Department.

(c) In the area of diagnostics and therapeutics, the Department of Health Research proposes to initiate as Flagship programmes for example technology Development Translation project in drugs, diagnostics, vaccines, devices, health care projects; Health Technology Assessment and Management programme which would include horizon scanning for health technology, clearing house for health research technologies and opportunities for commercialization. Development of Diagnostics for viral Diseases and of predictive marker for diseases would be taken up as Mission-mode projects.

Public-Private Partnerships would be encouraged for developing the products and taking them to the community. The Department will also coordinate a joint initiative between ICMR and National Innovation Fund (NIF) which is under DST.

Cancellation of licenses of vaccine manufacturing PSUs

3471. SHRI TAPAN KUMAR SEN:
SHRI PRASANTA CHATTERJEE:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be please to state:

(a) whether production licenses of three vaccine manufacturing public sector units were cancelled and ordered to suspend production forthwith;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. The licences of the